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I have the honor to report that the contagious fever commission proceeded to Mariel on Sunday, May 17, on the revenue-cutter *Marti*, and, by invitation of Dr. Finlay, I accompanied the party. An examination of the cases on arrival showed the papular eruption which about thirty of the immigrants were suffering from to be due to bites of mosquitoes. An interesting point in connection with these cases was that all those who had previously been in Cuba had no fever, while those who were here for the first time each had from a degree to a degree and a half of fever.

The board visited the old fort opposite the quarantine station at Mariel and inspected the same, with the view of establishing a hospital there for the isolation of contagious cases which may develop among the immigrants under detention. The Mariel quarantine station was in a most excellent condition, and reflected credit on the medical officer and attendant in charge.

Reports from Matanzas—Mortality statistics.

Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reports, May 12 and 18, as follows: During the week ended May 9, 1903, six vessels received bills of health prior to sailing for ports in the United States. Ten deaths were reported, making an annual rate of mortality for the week of 10.83 per 1,000.

The chief causes of death reported were as follows: Tuberculosis 3, enteric fever 1, pleuro-pneumonia 1, tetanus traumatic 1, other causes 4.

No quarantinable disease was reported in this district.

During the week ended May 16, 1903, five vessels bound for ports in the United States received bills of health.

Eighteen deaths were reported during the week, making an annual rate of mortality of 19.50 per 1,000. The chief causes of death reported were as follows: Tuberculosis 4, broncho-pneumonia 1, nephritis 2, uræmia 1, infantile tetanus 1, syphilis 1, other causes 8.

No quarantinable disease was reported in this district.

Reports from Santiago—Mortality statistics—Water supply.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, May 12, as follows: During the week ended May 9, 1903, bills of health were issued to 7 vessels bound for the United States and Porto Rico. No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Mortality statistics for the week ended May 9, 1903.

Causes of death.	Number.
Malaria.....	2
Remittent malarial fever.....	1
Tubercle of lungs.....	2
Syphilis.....	1
Cancer of uterus.....	1
Alcoholism, acute.....	1
Pneumonia.....	1
Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years).....	1
Infaret of liver.....	1
Hydrocephalus.....	1
Lack of development.....	1
Congenital debility.....	1
Total.....	14

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 16.9 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,000.